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1. FRG AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ATTEND SOVIET/GDR/CZECH FUNCTION ARE CONSISTENT WITH FRG GUIDELINES ELSEWHERE. WE AND UK AND FRENCH HAVE BEEN GENERALLY MORE FORTHCOMING IN ACCEPTING INVITATIONS TO SOVIET FUNCTIONS (THE THREE OF US ARE SENDING DELEGATIONS TO MAIN CEREMONIES IN MOSCOW), AND IF USSR ALONE WERE HOLDING RECEPTION ON MAY 9 OUR INCLINATION WOULD BE TO FAVOR ACCEPTANCE. WE ARE NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTING GDR INVITATIONS (EAST BERLIN IS AN EXCEPTION) AND HAVE TURNED DOWN CZECH INVITATIONS TO EVENTS WHICH OVERTLY TREAT THEIR COUNTRY'S LIBERATION AS AN ALL-SOVIET SHOW ("LIBERATION OF CZECH. BY SOVIET FORCES"). KEY FACTOR WOULD SEEM TO BE UK EMBASSY'S INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE CASE COULD BE MADE FAVORING ATTENDANCE, US-UK-FRENCH CONSISTENCY IS MAJOR DETERMINANT.

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2. YOU MAY MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION, BASED ON ABOVE
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